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NO DATA IS PUBLISHED ON CONSUMPTION OF OCEAN FISH AND SEAFOOD IN NORWAY. THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES HAS, HOWEVER, RECENTLY CALCULATED CURRENT ANNUAL PER CAPITA OCEAN FISH CONSUMPTION. THESE FIGURES SHOW (A) DIRECT HUMAN OCEAN FISH CONSUMPTION AND (B) DIRECT AND INDIRECT--FISH MEAL AND ANIMAL FEED, ETC. INCLUDED--FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. BASED ON DATA FOR 1972/73 ESTIMATED ANNUAL PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION DIRECT AND INDIRECT IS 30 KILOGRAMS AND 100 KILOGRAMS, RESPECTIVELY. THERE IS NO BREAKDOWN OF THE QUANTITIES OF MAJOR SPECIES OF FISH CONSUMED. CONSUMPTION OF OTHER FORMS OF SEAFOOD IS NEGLIGIBLE AND WOULD NOT CHANGE OVER-ALL TOTALS. TOTAL CURRENT ANNUAL DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF OCEAN FISH IS, THUS, BASED ON THE AVERAGE 1973 POPULATION, 118,700 METRIC TONS FOR DIRECT CONSUMPTION AND 395,500 TONS FOR DIRECT AND INDIRECT CONSUMPTION. THESE FIGURES ARE BASED ON "ROUND" FISH WEIGHT, THAT IS, FISH WHICH HAS NOT BEEN GUTTED AND DECAPITATED. THE EMBASSY'S MINISTRY OF FISHERIES SOURRD ADVISES THAT FISH CONSUMPTION IN NORWAY APPEARS TO HAVE STABILIZED AT THE PRESENT PER CAPITA LEVEL. BUCHANAN

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